

and special exhibits through grants and donations from local and regional sponsors to commemorate the theme, "Westward Expansion as seen through National Parks," including:

Farm and Ranch Museum is hosting westward expansion orientation films and an interactive exhibit of westward expansion transportation methods.

Midwest Theater is hosting both the premiere of a new documentary film on the Pony Express and a film by Ken Burns on America's National Parks.

North Platte Valley Museum is hosting a westward expansion map exhibit.

Western Nebraska Community College is hosting a seminar, "Recognizing and Preserving Westward Expansion," with speakers who are all nationally recognized in their fields.

Western Nebraska Community College sponsored a summer youth camp that developed posters to help promote these commemorative events.

Again, on behalf of the people of Nebraska, we offer our congratulations to Scotts Bluff National Monument on its Kick-Off Ceremony and the National Park Service on its 95th anniversary.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF BOB
MOWBRAY

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2011

Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker, the small town of Bradford, Illinois this month lost one of its most beloved residents. Bob Mowbray dedicated his life to actually living the words we utter so frequently about loving God and country. He first served his country in his youth, as a corporal in the Marines during the Korean conflict. After he returned home, he served his community in Bradford as the Postmaster for 36 years. He also was a loyal and active member for 58 years of the American Legion, Post #445.

When he was drafted by the Marines, he left behind a promising possible career as a big league pitcher. Even though he chose to return home instead of pursuing his baseball dreams, he never lost his passion for America's pastime.

Anyone who knew Bob knew about his unabashed love for sports, especially the Bears, the Bulls, and the White Sox. But what very few people knew—including those closest to him—was that he acted out his faith in God through his quiet charity. Bob wouldn't talk about it, but he was extremely generous, even giving money to support those he had never met.

Although he never had children of his own, all the children of Bradford—and even many in the surrounding towns—knew about Postmaster Mowbray. Bob brought in countless bags of candy over the years, always having a treat ready to slide over the counter to every kid who came in. And with that piece of candy would come a gentle nod and a warm smile.

Bob Mowbray was a man of few words, but he left a deep impression on many. He will be missed.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 90TH
BIRTHDAY OF BERNICE FRIED-
LANDER

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2011

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today it is my honor to pay tribute to Bernice Friedlander, who will mark her 90th birthday on Saturday, July 30, 2011, in Houston, Texas. On this special day we will all look back and see the hallmarks of a life well lived. Her quiet determination, unflinching kindness, and unyielding spirit have made her a pillar not only of a proud and loving family, but of all that have come to know her.

Beneath a humble and quiet exterior lies a generous and kind soul. She is beloved not for a litany of accomplishments, but simply for who she is. With such an uplifting and giving nature it is easy to see why she inspires so much love and warmth in others.

For decades she was the dedicated wife of her beloved husband, the late Silas Friedlander. She has been a wonderful mother to her adoring daughters Nancy and Susie, and a generous and doting grandmother to Kevin, Nick, Tyler, and Ashley.

We throw modesty aside today so that we can give the heartfelt thanks that Bernice is long overdue. Her unending love and devotion to those who have the privilege of calling her family have made their lives so much richer for having had her there. Happy birthday Bernice, may you enjoy yourself in happiness and good health for many years to come.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RUNAWAY
REPORTING IMPROVEMENT ACT
OF 2011

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to introduce bipartisan legislation, the Runaway Reporting and Improvement Act of 2011, along with my friend and colleague Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I am also pleased to be joined by Representatives KAREN BASS, GWEN MOORE, and PETE STARK.

The estimated number of youth that runaway or are 'thrown away' in the U.S. each year is between 1 and 1.7 million. While the reasons youth run away from home vary, the heightened risk for exploitation and victimization are the same for all of them.

One of the risks for runaway girls and young women is an increased risk for sex trafficking. Young girls who runaway or have been 'thrown away' from home are usually positioned for sex within 24 hours of leaving home. Many runaway youth engage in 'survival sex' in exchange for food and shelter. Other risks include exposure to drugs and alcohol and violence.

One of the few things more terrible than learning a child is missing would be to learn that everything possible isn't being done to find him or her. The National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database is designed to help make information sharing easier so that

missing children can be found and provided with any needed services.

According to a New York Times' series, 'Running in the Shadows', as many as 16 percent of reported runaways are never entered in to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database.

The Runaway Reporting Improvement Act of 2011 would help solve this problem and protect missing children by making two small but useful changes to the Crime Control Act of 1990. First, the bill would require law enforcement agencies to certify that they comply with Federal law by entering all missing children into the NCIC database. Second, it would require that law enforcement officers provide the reporter of a missing child with information about the services of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the National Runaway Switchboard, as well as 24-hour, toll-free contact information for those resources. NCMEC and NRS have a long and successful history of helping parents and law enforcement agencies work together to find and protect missing kids. Parents and guardians with missing children need to be given information so they are not isolated during this time of crisis.

Mr. Speaker, we simply must do better by our children. The necessary resources are in place but they are not being used to their full potential. The Runaway Improvement Act of 2011 will help ensure that these existing resources are used to find and protect the families that need them the most.

IN MEMORY OF MR. A.J. LEGER,
LOCAL ENTREPRENEUR, DEDICATED
VOLUNTEER TO SOUTH-
EAST TEXAS COMMUNITY

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2011

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mr. A.J. Leger, a dedicated community volunteer, a veteran of the Marine Corp, and a shining example of a successful entrepreneur here in America. Growing up in Lafayette, Louisiana, Mr. Leger had a jump start on his career in the restaurant business back in 1952 at the ripe age of 12 years old working as a busboy at Don's Seafood and Steakhouse in his hometown. Who would have thought nearly 16 years later he would own his own restaurant employing his own busboys. His is a story familiar to all of us, as this is the story of America and the opportunities afforded to its citizens.

Soon after his graduation, Mr. Leger married his high school sweetheart, Patricia, before spending 6 years in the Marine Corps. After being honorably discharged, Mr. Leger picked up where he left off on his restaurant career becoming kitchen manager at Don's Seafood in both Baton Rouge and Shreveport locations. In 1968, Mr. Leger decided to cross the Sabine River, and open up with his two business partners one of the longest running and most successful restaurants in Beaumont, Texas, Don's Seafood located right off Interstate 10.

Mr. Leger served for over 40 years as an active member of the Sabine Area Restaurant Association, was awarded Outstanding Restaurateur Sabine Area Chapter by the Texas